

Provisional Vital Statistics for January 2005

Live births increased in January as 6,425 Missouri babies were born compared with 4,950 one year earlier. Births also increased substantially for the 12 months ending with January. The 2004 provisional count of 77,500 births is the highest since 1991.

Deaths increased in January and for the 12 months ending with January. However, the provisional 2004 death total of 53,400 was 3.3 percent less than the 2003 total of 55,195.

The **Natural increase** in January was 992 (6,425 births minus 5,433 deaths). For the 12 months ending with January, the natural increase rose 8.2 percent.

Marriages increased by more than threefold in January, primarily because of irregular late reporting. However, the provisional count of 40,700 marriages is still 1.4 percent less than the 2003 count of 41,295 marriages.

Dissolutions of marriage increased in January and for the 12 months ending with January. However, the 2004 provisional count of 21,700 is about 2 percent less than the 2003 count of 22,166.

Infant deaths increased in January, but decreased in 2004 as the provisional infant death rate of 7.2 per 1,000 live births was 7 percent less than the 2003 rate of 7.8.

PROVISIONAL RESIDENT VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI

<u>January</u>					<u>12 months ending with January</u>								<u>Provisional</u>	
<u>Item</u>	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>			<u>Rate*</u>				2004		
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Live Births.....	4,950	6,425	10.8,	12.6	76,847	74,706	79,717	13.0	13.5	13.1	13.8	77,500	13.5	
Deaths	4,469	5,433	9.8	10.7	57,160	52,996	56,229	9.4	10.1	9.3	9.8	53,400	9.3	
Natural increase	481	992	1.1	1.9	19,687	21,710	23,488	3.7	3.5	3.8	4.1	24,100	4.2	
Marriages	2,371	8,726	5.2	17.1	41,704	41,899	42,817	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.4	40,700	7.1	
Dissolutions	1,491	1,745	3.3	3.4	22,445	21,935	22,173	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.9	21,700	3.8	
Infant deaths	35	53	7.1	8.2	679	587	604	7.8	8.8	7.9	7.6	560	7.2	
Population base..... (in thousands)	...	...	5,755	5,791	...	...	...	5,646	5,683	5,722	5,758	...	5,755

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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